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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/862,484

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Interview Summary on 01/30/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2,6-7, renumbered as 1-4.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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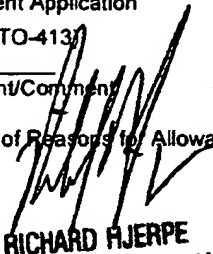
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claim 1: on Line 2, following the word module insert the following: --- to achieve real time driving ---.

Claim 6: on Line 2, following the word module insert the following: --- to achieve real time driving ---.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Joe McKinney Muncy on 11.16.05.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-2, 6-7 allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the cited references teaches or suggests a method of processing signals of a timing controller of a liquid crystal display module to achieve real time driving that comprises steps of:

(a) receiving a vertical synchronizing signal;

(b) receiving a data enable signal DE which has a vertical blank period;

(c) generating a gate clock signal CPV which has a plurality of gate clock cycles C1-Cn;

(d) after a rising edge or a falling edge of the vertical synchronizing signal, generating a plurality of gate-on enable signals OE simultaneously according to the plurality of gate clock cycles C1-Cn of the gate clock signal CPV;

(e) after a rising edge or a falling edge of the vertical synchronizing signal, generating start vertical signals STV before the end of the vertical blank period VB and after at least a gate clock cycle C1 during the vertical blank period VB wherein the start vertical signals STV includes a first start vertical signal STV1 to determine a start scan location of a frame and a second start vertical signal STV2 to offset flicker and display brightness of the liquid display;

and

(f) after generating the start vertical signals STV, pausing output of CPV, STV1 and OE until the end of the vertical blank period VB, so as to process control signals in real time so that real time driving is achieved, as disclosed in claim 1. The closest art (APA, Herman and Taguchi) disclose a timing controller of a liquid crystal display module, either singularly or in combination fail to anticipate suggest these limitations obvious.

None of the cited references teaches or suggests a method of processing signals of a timing controller of a liquid crystal display module to achieve real time driving that comprises steps of:

(a) receiving a data enable signal DE which has a vertical blank period;

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(b) decoding the data enable signal DE to generate a vertical synchronizing signal;

(c) generating a gate clock signal CPV which has a plurality of gate clock cycles C1-Cn;

(d) after a rising edge or a falling edge of the vertical synchronizing signal, generating a plurality of gate-on enable signals OE simultaneously according to the plurality of gate clock cycles C1-Cn of the gate clock signal CPV;

(e) after a rising edge or a falling edge of the vertical synchronizing signal, generating start vertical signals STV before the end of the vertical blank period VB and after at least a gate clock cycle C1 during the vertical blank period VB wherein the start vertical signals STV includes a first start vertical signal STV1 to determine a start scan location of a frame and a second start vertical signal STV2 to offset flicker and display brightness of the liquid display;

and

(f) after generating the start vertical signals STV, pausing output of CPV, STV1 and OE until the end of the vertical blank period VB, so as to process control signals in real time so that real time driving is achieved., as disclosed in claim 6. The closest art (APA, Herman and Taguchi) disclose a timing controller of a liquid crystal display module, either singularly or in combination fail to anticipate suggest these limitations obvious.

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Telephone Inquire

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonid Shapiro whose telephone number is 571-272-7683. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe can be reached on 571-272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Hjerpe', is positioned above the printed name.

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